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Appl. No. : 10/678,558  
Applicants : Thumplasseril V. John *et al.*  
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Title : Conjugated Dienamides, Methods Of Production Thereof,  
Compositions Containing Same And Uses Thereof  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115**

Dear Sir/Madam:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 is submitted herewith for the above-identified application. Prior to its examination, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments and remarks. A Declaration Traversing Rejections under 37 CFR § 1.132 is concurrently submitted for the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees, including any extension and/or excess claim fees, any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. Deposit Account No. 12-1295.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.